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1. [redacted] the Mukden Arsenal was evacuated to Mutanchiang.* five iron and steel factories in Mukden were evacuated to Kalgan, and may be moved later to Paotou (110-03, 40-36).
2. [redacted] all able-bodied unemployed in Mukden were being drafted into the armed forces. The number of Soviets in uniform in Mukden was increasing but no regular units had been identified.
3. [redacted] the Public Security Bureau in Mukden announced that the sale, possession, and operation of short wave radio sets were forbidden.
4. [redacted] Chinese Communist Party representatives in Peiping were buying a large number of private homes in Chungking.** The prices of houses in Chungking were 150 percent higher than in early September.
5. [redacted] the Communist Ministry of Posts, Telegraph, and Telephone in Peiping is to hold a conference to be attended by communications experts representing its branches in Peiping, Mukden, Shanghai, Hankow, Chungking, Lanchou, Kueisui (111-37, 40-47), Tientsin, Kalgan, Hsinshang (113-53, 35-19) Shihchiachuang (114-28, 30-02), and Taiyuan.
6. [redacted] the Yung Li (永利) Caustic Soda Factory in Tangku was ordered by the Communist authorities in Peiping to move all factory equipment and personnel to an underterminated area in Northwest China. The equipment and machinery are now being packed for removal.

[redacted] Comment. The Mukden Arsenal was reported transferred to Mutanchiang [redacted] part of the arsenal was moved to Tungua [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] Communist authorities had stopped buying homes in Peiping.

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